RCC Community Education offers more welding classes

Rogue Community College is expanding the number of welding classes offered through Community Education.

The welding lab in Jackson County recently increased its capacity from 10 to 18 students, and there will be two new classes added summer term. Tuition is $172 and includes a $60 equipment-use fee.

- “Welding for the Novice II provides hands-on expansion of the basic welding techniques learned in the Welding I. Students in level two must have completed the level-one course or instructor approval. The class is scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 14 through Sept. 15.

- “Welding and Metalworks for Women” will cover basic welding processes, including metal inert gas (MIG) welding, stick welding, oxyacetylene welding and cutting. Geared to novice welders and those who want to improve existing metal and welding skills, the class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 17 through Sept. 18.

Instructor Bill Cooney has 20 years experience in welding and fabricating and has taught welding for 12 years. He owned and operated his own manufacturing business and holds a certified welding inspector’s license from the American Welding Society.

“I encourage students to think creatively, both on their art and mechanical projects,” said Cooney. “Anyone with a good eye and a steady hand can be a great welder.”

RCC Community Education welding classes in Jackson County are held at the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (SORCC), White City. For more information and registration, call 541-245-7616 or visit www.roguecc.edu/CommunityEd.

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